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The Authority of the Scriptures as the Word of God.

Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Luke 8, 11

Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me. John 5, 39

And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the Scriptures, neither the power of God? Mark 12, 24

The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What *is* the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD. Jer. 23, 28-29

Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; Isa 55, 10-11

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish *ought* from it, Deut. 4, 2

that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Prov. 30, 5-6 Every word of God *is* pure; he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Prov. 28, 9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer *shall be* abomination.

Luke 24, 25-27, 44-48 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

And he said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms concerning me.

Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures.

And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

And ye are witnesses of these things.

John 20, 30-31 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; Jude 17, 17

Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. John 12, 44, 45, 48, 50

And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. John 13, 20

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. John 14, 21, 26

Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father

will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

These things have I spoken unto you, being *yet* present with you.

But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Acts 4, 29-31 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word.

By stretching forth thine hand to heal: and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Rom. 1, 1-5 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God.

(Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy Scriptures.)

Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

And declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 1 Cor. 15, 1-4

By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures:

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures:

But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. Gal. 1, 11-12

For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them;* 2 Tim. 3, 14-17

And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Tim. 4, 1-5

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

Testimony of the Scriptures to Man's Corruption of Nature by Sin.

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. Gen. 2, 17

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: Gen. 3, 4-6, 13-19

For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took off the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

And the Lord God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it; cursed *is* the ground for thy sake: in sorrow shalt thou eat *of* it all the days of thy life;

Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Gen. 5, 1-3 This *is* the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the LIKENESS OF GOD made he him;

Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat *a son* IN HIS OWN LIKENESS, after his image; and called his name Seth.

Gen. 6, 1, 5, 11-13 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them.

And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

The earth was also corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted *themselves*; Exodus 32, 7-8

They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These *be* thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying, Deut. 31, 25-29

Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee.

For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the LORD; and how much more after my death?

Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record against them.

For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt *yourselves*, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.

2 Chron 36, 14-16 Moreover all the chiefs of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen; and polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed in Jerusalem.

And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place:

But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till *there was* no remedy.

Psalms 53, 1-3 The fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity; *there is* none that doeth good.

God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were *any* that did understand, that did seek God.

Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; *there is* none that doeth good, no, not one.

Psalms 51, 5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Job 25, 4 How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean *that is* born of a woman?

Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the LORD hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. Isa. 1, 2-6

The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib; *but* Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.

Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.

Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

From the sole of the foot even unto the head *there is* no soundness in it; *but* wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.

Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. Rom. 2, 1-3

But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

What then? are we better *than they?* No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; Rom. 3, 9-10

As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.

John 2, 24-5 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all *men*.

And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.

John 7, 7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.

John 8, 42-7 Jesus said unto them, if God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word.

Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

And because I tell *you* the truth, ye believe me not.

Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?

He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear *them* not, because ye are not of God.

The Necessity of a New or Spiritual Nature in Order to be Saved.

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. John 3, 5-7

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit. 1 Cor. 15, 45-50

Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven.

As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.

And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant 1 Peter 1, 3 23

mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

John 6, 53-4 63 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.

James 1-18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

1 Cor. 2, 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

Rom. 8, 7-8 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Eph. 2, 1-5 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ (by grace ye are saved).

The Law of God.

Exodus 20, 3-17

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth:

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;

And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates:

For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbour's.

Expositions of the Law by Our Lord.

Matt. 5, 17-22, 27-28, 43-48

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: for I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fufilled.

Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them* the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old me, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you;

That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more *than others?* do not even the publicans so?

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? Matt. 19, 16-23

And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is* none good but one, *that is*, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

He saith unto them, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,

Honour thy father and *thy* mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?

Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go *and* sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come *and* follow me.

But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

Mark 7, 5-13

Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands?

He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with *their* lips, but their heart is far from me.

Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.

For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, *as* the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death:

But ye say, If a man shall say to his father, *It is* Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; *he shall be free.*

And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother;

Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? Mark 12, 28-34

And Jesus answered him, the first of all the commandments *is*, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this *is* the first commandment.

And the second *is* like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:

And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love *his* neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him *any question*.

And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? Luke 10, 25-37

He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?

And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

And Jesus answering said, A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead.

And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked *on him*, and passed by on the other side.

But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, had compassion *on him*.

And went to *him*, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave *them* to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou

spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

Man's Condition as a Transgressor of the Law.

Rom. 7, 9-14 For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

And the commandment, which *was ordained* to life, I found *to be* unto death.

For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew *me*.

Wherefore the law *is* holy, and the commandments holy, and just, and good.

Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceedingly sinful.

For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

Rom. 3, 19-20, 23 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

Gal. 3, 10. For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed *is* every

one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

Death passed upon all men for that all have sinned. Rom. 5, 12

The end of those things is death.

The wages of sin is death. Rom. 6, 21, 23

Vessels of wrath fitted to destruction. Rom. 9, 22

Sin when it is finished bringeth forth death. James 1, 15

God's Remedy for Sin. Christ the Sinners' Substitute Under the Law.

John 3, 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Gal. 4, 4-5 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Gal. 3, 13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree.

Eph. 1, 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

1 Peter 2, 24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live under righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Isa. 53, 3-6, 10-11 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him: he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. John 1, 29

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Rom. 3, 24-25

Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.

For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh. Rom. 8, 3

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures. 1 Cor. 15, 3-4

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.

2 Cor. 5, 18-19, 21 And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Col. 1, 20-23 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven.

And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight:

If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister.

Purpose of Christ's Death for us, in Leading to Newness of Life Those who Accept His Atonement.

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Rom. 6, 4

Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, *even* to who him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. Rom. 7, 4

Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father. Gal. 1, 4

For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: 2 Cor. 5, 14

And *that* he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. 17

Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh; yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we *him* no more.

Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away: behold, all things are become new.

Gal. 2, 20 — I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Gal. 6, 14 — But God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

1 Thess. 5, 9-10 — For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

1 Thess. 2, 13 — For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received *it* not *as* the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

1 Peter 4, 1-2 — Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

That he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

Titus 3, 8 — *This* is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

Heb. 13, 20-21 — Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of

the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant.

Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Power for the New Life from the Risen, Living Saviour.

FAITH STANDS ON RESURRECTION GROUND.

Col. 2, 12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

Rom. 6, 8-11 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Eph. 2, 4-7 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us.

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ (by grace ye are saved),

And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace, in *his* kindness toward us, through Christ Jesus.

Phil. 3, 10-11 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God. Col. 3, 1-5

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: Eph. 1, 17-23

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*,

Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is

named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come;

And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church.

Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

What the Scriptures Testify as to the Purpose of God in Raising Christ from the Dead.

I. TO SHOW TO BELIEVERS THAT THEY ARE JUSTIFIED BEFORE THE LAW IN WHAT CHRIST, AS THEIR SUBSTITUTE, HAS DONE FOR THEM.

Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. — Rom. 4, 25

Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth. — Rom. 8, 33-34

Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

And if Christ be not risen, then *is* our preaching vain, and your faith *is* also vain. — 1 Cor. 15, 14

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. — Rom. 3, 24

For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us. — Heb. 9, 24

II. ACCEPTED.

To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. — Eph. 1, 6

III. JOINT HEIRS WITH CHRIST.

Rom. 8, 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ: if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

IV. CHRIST THE BELIEVER'S HIGH PRIEST IN HEAVEN.

Heb. 8, 1 Now of the things which we have spoken *this is* the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.

Heb. 7, 24-26 But this *man*, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

For such an high priest became us, *who is* holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens.

V. TO COME BOLDLY WITH THE CONFESSION OF THEIR SINS.

Heb. 4, 14-16 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession.

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are, yet* without sin.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 1 John 2, 1

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 1 John 1, 8-10

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

VI. FROM HIM THEY ARE TO LOOK FOR ALL THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT.

He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. John 7, 38 39

(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given;* because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me. John 15, 26

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. John 14, 13 18

If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it.*

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Eph. 4, 7-8 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men.

Acts 2, 32-33, 38 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

VII. BELIEVERS TO LOOK TO HIM FOR KEEPING POWER.

John 17, 12-13, 20-24 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. 2 Tim. 1, 12

These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; Rev. 2, 8-10

I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty (but thou art rich).

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast *some* of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days; be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

Rev. 3, 10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Jude 24-25 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.

To the only wise God our Saviour, *be* glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

VIII. THEIR SPIRITS WITH HIM AT DEATH.

John 14, 2-4 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not *so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Luke 23, 42-43 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Acts 7, 55-60 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God.

And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

Then they cried out with a loud voice, and

stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

And cast *him* out of the city, and stoned *him;* and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

And they stoned Stephen, calling upon *God*, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he said this, he fell asleep.

Therefore *we are* always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: 2 Cor. 5, 6-9

(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

We are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

According to my earnest expectation and *my* hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but *that* with all boldness, as always, *so* now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether *it be* by life, or by death. Phil. 1, 20-24

For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain.

But if I live in the flesh, this *is* the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not.

For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

Nevertheless to abide in the flesh *is* more needful for you.

Psalms 73, 23-26

Nevertheless I *am* continually with thee: thou hast holden *me* by my right hand.

Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me *to* glory.

Whom have I in heaven *but thee?* and *there is* none upon earth *that* I desire beside thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth; *but* God *is* the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

IX. AS HIS RESURRECTION WAS OF THE LITERAL BODY SO BELIEVERS IN HIM ARE TO HAVE A LITERAL RESURRECTION OF THEIR BODIES.

Rom. 8, 23, 11

Ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body.

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Phil. 3, 20-21

For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

2 Cor. 5, 1-5

For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

For we that are in *this* tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing *is* God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise us up also by Jesus, and shall present *us* with you. 2 Cor. 4, 14

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. 1 Cor. 15, 51-53, 19-23

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept.

For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

But every man in his own order: Christ the

firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

Phil. 3, 10-11 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

John 5, 26-29 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,

And shall come forth: they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Rev. 20, 6 Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

X. HIS COMING AGAIN TO THIS EARTH IN THE LITERAL BODY WHICH WAS RAISED FROM THE GRAVE, AND WHICH HE TOOK TO HEAVEN, THE HOPE OF HIS SAINTS.

Acts 1, 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Titus 2. 13

So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. Heb. 9, 28

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together. Rom. 8, 17-19

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 1 Thess. 4, 13-18

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Peter 1, 13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 5, 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

2 Peter 1, 16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3, 1-4, 13-14 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in *both* which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation.

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent, that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

1 John 2, 28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 1 John 3, 1-3

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Col. 3, 1-4

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

When Christ, *who is* our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

XI. HIS RESURRECTION A TESTIMONY THAT HE WILL SURELY RETURN TO JUDGE THE WORLD AND SET UP HIS KINGDOM.

Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by *that* man whom he hath ordained; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that he hath raised him from the dead. Acts 17, 31

But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled. Acts 3, 18-21

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Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Acts 15, 14-18 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

2 Thess. 1, 5-10 That ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:

Seeing *it is* a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;

And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels.

In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that

know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Tim. 4, 1 8

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions. do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith:

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me

only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

XII. THE RISEN JESUS TO BE REVEALED TO THE JEWS AT HIS SECOND COMING AND RECEIVED BY THEM AS THEIR MESSIAH.

Luke 1, 30-33 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

John 19, 19-22 And Pilate wrote a title, and put *it* on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.

This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, *and* Greek, *and* Latin.

Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews.

Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

Acts 1, 6-8 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David *shall be* as God, as the angel of the LORD before them. Zec. 12, 8-10

And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only *son*, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.

And *one* shall say unto him, What *are* these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, *Those* with which I was wounded *in* the house of my friends. Zec. 13, 6

Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. Zec. 14, 3-4, 9

And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the

east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

Rom. 11, 1, 24-32 I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, *of* the tribe of Benjamin.

For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert graffed contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural *branches*, be graffed into their own olive tree?

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

For this *is* my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

As concerning the gospel, *they are* enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, *they are* beloved for the fathers' sakes.

For the gifts and calling of God *are* without repentance.

For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:

Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.

For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

Gospel Invitations.

Matt. 11, 28 — Come unto me, all *ye* that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

John 6, 37 — All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

John 4, 10 — Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

John 3, 16 — For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 5, 24 — Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 1, 12 — But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name.

Isaiah 55, 1-3 — Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money, and without price.

Wherefore do ye spend money for *that which is* not bread? and your labour for *that which* satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye *that which is* good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, *even* the sure mercies of David.

Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near; Isaiah 55, 6-7

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him: and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

I the LORD? and *there is* no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; *there is* none beside me. Isaiah 45, 21-22

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I *am* God, and *there is* none else.

But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53, 5-6

All we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Matt. 9, 13.

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16, 15

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. Luke 4, 16-21

And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written.

The spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

And he closed the book, and he gave *it* again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Mark 2, 5, 10-11 When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)

I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way unto thine house.

Acts 13, 38-39 Be it known unto you therefore, men *and* brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins.

And by him, all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Luke 24, 46-48 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

And ye are witnesses of these things.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. John 6, 47

And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. John 6, 40

In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. John 7, 37

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. John 10, 9

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14, 6

But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. John 10, 26-30

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.

My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and *no man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.

I and my Father are one.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: John 11, 25-27

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

She saith unto him, Yea, Lord; I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

John 20, 19-23 Then the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus, and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you.

And when he had so said, he shewed unto them *his* hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as *my* Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

And when he had said this, he breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

Whosesoever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; *and* whosesoever *sins* ye retain, they are retained.

John 20, 29-31 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed *are* they that have not seen, and *yet* have believed.

And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that, believing: ye might have life through his name.

Acts 2, 36-41 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

Unto you first, God having raised up his Son Jesus sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities. Acts 3, 26

Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* by him doth this man stand here before you whole. Acts 4, 10-12

This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Acts 5, 30-32

Him hath God exalted with his right hand *to be* a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

And we are his witnesses of these things; and *so* is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

Acts 8. 32-37 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer so opened he not his mouth:

In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Acts 10. 36-44 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

That word, *I say*, ye know, which was published throughout all Judæa, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about

doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil: for God was with him.

And we are witnesses of all things which he did, both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;

Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, *even* to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God *to be* the Judge of quick and dead.

To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? Acts 16, 30-32

And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

The Holy Spirit.

I. PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT.

Ezekiel 36, 26-27 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*.

Joel 2, 28-29 And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.

And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Isaiah 32, 15 Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

Isaiah 44, 3 For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground; I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring.

II. FULFILLED IN CHRIST.

John 7, 37-39 In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given;* because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

And when he had so said, he shewed unto them *his* hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. John 20, 20-22

Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as *my* Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

And when he had said this, he breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost.

Jesus commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, *saith he*, ye have heard of me. Acts 1, 4-5

For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost, not many days hence.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2, 4, 32-33, 38-39

This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

Therefore, being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

III. BORN OF THE SPIRIT.

John 1, 12-14, 16

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:

Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

John 3, 3-7

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. John 4, 10, 14

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1, 3, 23

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

IV. WALKING IN THE SPIRIT.

1. The Spirit in All who Have Received Christ.

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat, loveth him also that is begotten of him. 1 John 5, 1

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3, 26

But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, Gal. 4, 4-6

To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

Eph. 1, 13 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.

2. Warfare with the Flesh; or, Natural Man.

Rom. 7, 18-19, 23 For I know that in me, (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

For the good that I would, I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

Gal. 5, 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other; so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

3. What Walking in the Spirit Is.

Col. 1, 9-14 For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding:

That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness:

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins.

Rejoice in the Lord alway: *and* again I say, Rejoice. Phil. 4, 4-8

Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord *is* at hand.

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. Rom. 8, 12-16

For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

Rom. 13, 10, 14 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law.

And that, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep: for now *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

Gal. 5, 22, 25 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

4. *Consequence of Walking in the Spirit.*

I. The Liberty of Sonship Wholly on Ground of Christ's Work for Us in Redemption.

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Gal. 5, 1, 18

But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Rom. 8, 14

II. Delivered from the Power of the Flesh.

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. Gal. 5, 16

For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Rom. 6, 10-14

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

Neither yield ye your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto God.

For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

III. Fruit-Bearing.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. John 15, 1-5, 8

Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in Him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Herein is my father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

IV. Filled with Peace, Joy and Hope.

Rom. 15, 13. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Gal. 5, 5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

Titus 3, 2, 13 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.

Teaching us: that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

V. FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT.

1. The Command.

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit. Eph. 5, 18

2. The Promise.

For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. Acts 1, 5

3. Examples.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2, 4

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. Acts 4, 31, 33

And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus; and great grace was upon them all.

Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. Acts 6, 3, 8

And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. Acts 7, 55-56, 59-60

And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

And they stoned Stephen, calling upon *God*, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Acts 9, 17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, *even* Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

4. Conditions of Being Filled with the Spirit.

I. Must Believe we are Redeemed.

Gal. 3, 13-14 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:

That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

II. Consecration.

Rom. 12, 1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

III. Willingness to Confess Christ and Proclaim His Gospel.

Then Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. Acts 5. 29.

The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. 30

Him hath God exalted with his right hand *to be* a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

And we are his witnesses of these things; and *so is* also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

God's Love.

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Gen. 24, 2, 67

And he said, Take now thy son, thine only *son* Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's *death*.

The father's love to the son. The son's love to the bride. The riches of the father partaken of by the woman through becoming the bride of the son. This the key to all the statements of Scripture as to God's love to man.

It is a love that flows through Christ.

Nature of God's Love.

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned. Song of Sol. 8, 7

The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, *saying*, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. Jer. 31, 3

Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight. Exodus 33, 13

And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. 19

In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old. Isaiah 63, 9

The LORD thy God in the midst of thee *is* mighty, he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing. Zeph. 3, 17

Love Manifest in Redemption.

I. WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS.

Rom. 5, 8 — But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Titus 3, 3-7 — For we ourselves also were sometime foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, *and* hating one another.

But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost:

Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour:

That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

II. THE MEASURE OF GOD'S GIFT SHOWS THE MEASURE OF HIS LOVE.

John 3, 16 — For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 17, 5, 24 — And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

For thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

2 Cor. 9, 15 — Thanks *be* unto God for his unspeakable gift.

III. LOVE LED CHRIST TO DIE FOR US.

As I have loved you. — John 15, 12, 13

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Hereby perceive we the love *of God*, because he laid down his life for us. — 1 John 3, 16

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. — 1 John 4, 9-10

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

IV. THE POSITION GOD GIVES US IN CHRIST AS HIS SONS SHOWS HIS LOVE.

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. — 1 John 3, 1

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name. — John 1, 12

V. THE PLACE HE HAS PREPARED FOR US IN HEAVEN SHOWS HIS LOVE.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. — John 14, 1-3

In my father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not *so* I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

Eph. 2, 4-7 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace, in *his* kindness toward us, through Christ Jesus.

VI. LOVED BECAUSE OF UNION WITH CHRIST, AND LOVED AS CHRIST IS LOVED.

John 15, 9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

John 17, 22-23 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Rom. 8, 37-39 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Results Secured by Believing in and Receiving God's Word.

I. WE LOVE GOD.

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. 1 John 4, 16-19

Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

We love him, because he first loved us.

I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice *and* my supplications. Psalm 116,1-2

Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon *him* as long as I live.

II. WE LOVE OTHERS.

We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren. He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death. 1 John 3, 14

III. CONSECRATION.

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Gal. 2, 20

Eph. 5, 1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

IV. SUBMISSION TO CHASTENING.

Rev. 3, 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Heb. 12, 6-7 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

V. PATIENCE AND HOPE.

Rom. 5, 3-5 And not only *so*, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Grace.

I. IN GOD.

And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. Exodus 33, 19

And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. Exodus 34, 5-7

And the LORD passed by before him and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear *the guilty*.

But thou, O LORD, *art* a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth. Psalm 86, 15

And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you; for the LORD *is* a God of judgment: blessed *are* all they that wait for him. Isaiah 30, 18-19

For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.

II. SOURCE OF REDEMPTION.

Titus 2, 11 — For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.

Heb. 2, 9 — But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Eph. 3, 2 — If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to youward.

Rom. 5, 15 — But not as the offence, so also *is* the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, *which is* by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

III. MANIFEST IN CHRIST.

Psalm 45, 2 — Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

John 1, 39, 16-17 — He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.

And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Luke 2, 40 — And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

IV. GRACE THROUGH CHRIST TO THE CHURCH.

1. Calling.

Who hath saved us, and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began. 2 Tim. 1, 9

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, Eph. 1, 5-7

To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved:

In whom we have redemption through his blood.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose. Rom. 8, 28

2. Walk.

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. 2, 1

Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter 1, 5

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 2 Cor. 12, 9

3. Reward.

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1, 13

Titus 3, 7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Eph. 2, 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

V. HOW GRACE IS OBTAINED.

Rom. 5, 1-2 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Rom. 11, 6. And if by grace, then *is it* no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

Eph. 1, 16-18 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.

Eph. 2, 8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

Not of works, lest any man should boast.

VI. HOW GRACE IS INCREASED.

1. Humility.

1 Peter 5, 5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all *of you* be subject one to

another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble.

2. Service.

As every man hath received the gift, *even so* minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 1 Peter 4, 10

3. Gratitude.

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which *was bestowed* upon me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. 1 Cor. 15, 10

4. Prayer.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Heb. 4, 16

5. Knowing Christ.

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord. 2 Peter 1, 2

VII. WHAT IS FALLING FROM GRACE.

I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel. Gal. 1, 6

I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness *come* by the law, then Christ is dead in vain. Gal. 2, 21

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. Heb. 12, 28

Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: Heb. 13, 7-9

whose faith follow, considering the end of *their* conversation.

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.

Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines: for *it is* a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

Gal. 3, 11-13 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is* evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree.

Gal. 5, 4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

The Blood of Christ.

SALVATION ONLY THROUGH ATONEMENT.

And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. Heb. 9, 22

Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins and clothed them. Gen. 3, 21

For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. 2 Cor. 5, 21

And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering. Gen. 4, 4

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. Heb. 11, 4.

And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. Gen. 8, 20

And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him. Gen. 12, 7-8

And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Beth-el, and pitched his tent, *having* Beth-el on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.

Gen. 22, 7-8, 13-14

And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?

And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind *him* a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said *to* this day. In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

Heb. 11, 17-19

By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten *son*,

Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

Accounting that God *was* able to raise *him* up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

1 Cor. 15, 1-4

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Beth-el, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother. Gen. 35, 1

Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth *day* of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of *their* fathers, a lamb for an house: Exodus 12, 3-7, 13

And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take *it* according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take *it* out from the sheep, or from the goats:

And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

And they shall take of the blood, and strike *it* on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the house, wherein they shall eat it.

And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye *are:* and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy *you*, when I smite the land of Egypt.

And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God. John 1, 34-37

Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;

And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

Exodus 29, 36-39 And thou shalt offer every day a bullock *for* a sin offering for atonement: and thou shalt cleanse the altar, when thou hast made an atonement for it, and thou shalt anoint it, to sanctify it.

Seven days thou shalt make an atonement for the altar, and sanctify it; and it shall be an altar most holy: whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy.

Now this is *that* which thou shalt offer upon the altar; two lambs of the first year day by day continually.

The one lamb thou shalt offer in the morning; and the other lamb thou shalt offer at even.

Rom. 5, 10-11 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son; much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

And not only *so*, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Lev. 1, 3-5 If his offering *be* a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish: he shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD.

And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him.

And he shall kill the bullock before the LORD: and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood, and sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar that *is by* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; Eph. 5, 1-2

And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

And if a soul sin, and commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD; though he wist *it* not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity. Lev. 5, 17. 19.

And he shall bring a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trespass offering, unto the priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his ignorance wherein he erred and wist *it* not, and it shall be forgiven him.

It *is* a trespass offering: he hath certainly trespassed against the LORD.

And he shall do with the bullock as he did with the bullock for a sin offering, so shall he do with this: and the priest shall make an atonement for them, and it shall be forgiven them.

And he shall carry forth the bullock without the camp, and burn him as he burned the first bullock: it *is* a sin offering for the congregation.

For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp. Heb. 13, 11. 13

Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

Lev. 16, 5-10, 21-22

And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering.

And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin offering, which *is* for himself, and make an atonement for himself, and for his house.

And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat.

And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD's lot fell, and offer him *for* a sin offering.

But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, *and* to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness.

And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send *him* away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness:

And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. 1 Peter 1, 24

And Philip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? Acts 8, 30-35

And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth;

In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

Seven Things We Have by the Blood.

I. REDEMPTION.

Eph. 1, 7 — In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

Heb. 9, 12 — Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us.*

1 Peter 1, 18-20 — Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers:

But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.

II. JUSTIFICATION.

Rom. 3, 24-26 — Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

III. CLEANSING.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1, 7-9

If we say that we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

IV. PEACE.

And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven. Col. 1, 20

V. ACCESS TO GOD.

And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Heb. 10, 17-22

Now where remission of these *is*, *there* is no more offering for sin.

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the vail, that is to say, his flesh;

And *having* a high priest over the house of God;

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

VI. MADE NIGH TO GOD.

Eph. 2, 13 But now, in Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

VII. VICTORY OVER SATAN.

Rev. 12, 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Prayer.

I. IN CHRIST'S NAME.

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. — John 14, 13 14

If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do *it*.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. — John 15, 7

And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give *it* you. — John 16, 23 24

Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name; ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. — 2 Cor. 1, 20

By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name. — Heb. 13, 15

II. IN OBEDIENT SPIRIT.

Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall* not *be room* enough *to receive it.* — Mal. 3, 10

III. ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL.

1 John 5, 14-15 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us:

And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Eph. 6, 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

IV. IN FORGIVING SPIRIT.

Mark 11, 25-26 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

But if *ye* do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Math. 5, 23-24 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee:

Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Math. 18, 21-22 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

Eph. 4, 30-32 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and

clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

V. IMPORTUNITY.

And he spake a parable unto them *to this end*, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; Luke 18, 1-8

Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man:

And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary.

And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man;

Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.

And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: Math. 7, 7-11

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

VI. FAITH.

Mark 11, 24 — Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.

Math. 17, 20 — And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief; for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove: and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

James 1, 5-7 — If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering; for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

VII. ANSWERED PRAYER.

Mark 7, 24-30 — And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into an house, and would have no man know *it:* but he could not be hid.

For a *certain* woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet:

The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.

But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast *it* unto the dogs.

And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.

And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.

And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing, Acts 10, 30-33

And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of *one* Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak with thee.

Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

John 4, 46-53

So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.

When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son; for he was at the point of death.

Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders ye will not believe.

The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.

Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.

And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told *him*, saying, Thy son liveth.

Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.

So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.

Passages for Inquirers.

There are two questions that are often asked in the inquiry room, that were well answered by Rev. Marcus Rainsford, of London, in Bermondsey Town Hall, London, before a large meeting of inquirers. We reproduce his remarks, as introducing the Scripture answer to the questions of an anxious soul.

"How can the existence of God be proved?"

Mr. Rainsford: I must say a word or two before I answer the question. No fallen sinner can know God, or understand his mind and will, unless he receive the Spirit of God (see 1 Cor. ii., 9-13). You might as well talk of colors to a blind man, and expect him to understand you, as of spiritual things to a man whose soul is dead in trespasses and sin. "Ye must be born again." God has said: "Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, shall in no wise enter therein." But if we ask of the Holy Spirit to take of the things of Christ and show them to us, he will do so; and then the answers I give will be profitable to us. I do not come to answer curious questions. The Lord Jesus never answered such questions; but when any poor inquiring one sought him for information he received it.

I am asked to prove that there is a God. Do you know that the Bible does not attempt to prove it? The Bible says the man is a fool who does not believe in God. Look at the things that God has made; they bear witness to their Maker (Rom. i., 20).

If I pointed you to these lamps that are now hanging from the roof of this hall, and tried to persuade you they came into their places in some mysterious way hundreds of years ago, and that nobody had a hand in putting them there and supplying them with light, you would think me fit for a lunatic asylum. Well, then. when I look around me in the world and see the sun, the moon, and the stars, and the trees and the flowers, and the sea in its might, and the glory of the seasons; when I see the trees budding, blossoming and bringing forth fruit, can any one persuade me that they all exist of themselves? No! no!

If you will read the 19th Psalm you will find there are three books where we all may discover that there is a God. "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork;" that is, created nature in one book. "The law of the Lord converting the soul;" that is another. And the conscience of every man is the third. People may live and close their eyes and say, "There is no God;" but I have often seen the near approach of death open men's eyes. It is the enmity of the heart to God that leads men to wish there was no God; and the wish is father to the creed.

"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and God head; so that they are without excuse."—*Romans 1, 20.*

"How may I know that the Bible is the word of God?"

Mr. R.: Well, the Bible is the oldest book in the world. Its existence is a fact; and, all things con-

sidered, a very wonderful fact. Somebody wrote it. The authors were either good men or bad men. I ask any one of common sense whether it be not a truth that if all the people in this world were guided by this book, if they did but obey its two great commandments: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart; and thy neighbor as thyself," would not earth be a little heaven? Should we need policemen? Should we require jails? This book teaches men how to live so as to be happy, and how to die so as to be saved. Will you tell me that *bad* men composed such a book? And if, as all men must admit, it was written by *good* men, why not believe them? They tell us it was God who spake by them; and any man who sincerely studies their writings can not doubt the truth they assert.

But we have the personal testimony of Christ, whilst living on earth, to the inspiration of the Old Testament Scriptures. When, after having appeared among us according to the prophets who testified concerning him, and before he went back to heaven he said to his Apostles: "These are the words which I spake unto you while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the Psalms, concerning me." (Luke xxiv., 44.) "And he opened their understandings, that they might understand the Scriptures." May he do so for us, for his name and mercy's sake!

The Bible tells me what no other book tells me. It tells me what I am, whence I came, and whither I am going. Other books deal with the things of this life. This alone tells me of my immortality, of my crown,

and my kingdom; and of the blood of Christ, by which I am redeemed; of a living Saviour, who lives in heaven to make intercession for me, and who has promised to come again and take me to him, that where he is I may be also. I would not give it up for all the world, whatever other people may do.

All Men Sinners under God's Law.

Now we know, that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law; that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Rom. 3, 19-20

Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause, shall be in danger of the judgment. Matt. 5, 22, 28, 44

But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her, hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.

What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. Rom. 7, 7, 9

For I was alive without the law once; but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

SIN OF REJECTING CHRIST.

Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. John 8, 42, 47

He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear *them* not, because ye are not of God.

John 3, 18-19 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

John 3, 31-36 He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all.

And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony.

He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true.

For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure *unto him.*

The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

John 10, 1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

John 14, 10-11 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. John 16, 7-9

And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Of sin, because they believe not on me.

And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: John 20, 30-31

But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that, believing, ye might have life through his name.

The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *him* go. Acts 3, 13-15

But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* by him doth this man stand here before you whole. Acts 4, 10-12

This is the stone which was set at nought of

you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

1 John 5, 9-12

If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.

He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

He that hath the Son, hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God, hath not life.

What is Repentance?

And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: Luke 24, 46-48

And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

And ye are witnesses of these things.

The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Acts 5, 30-32

Him hath God exalted with his right hand *to be* a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

And we are his witnesses of these things; and *so is* also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Acts 2, 40-41

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? Acts 9, 4-6, 17, 20

And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: *it is* hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

And he trembling and astonished, said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, *even* Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost

And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

Acts 10, 42-44 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God *to be* the Judge of quick and dead.

To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

Acts 11, 18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

How Long Does it Take to Repent and Believe?

Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation. 2 Cor. 6, 2

(Again he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Heb. 4, 7

Sirs, what must I do to be saved? Acts 16, 30-34

And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed *their* stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

How do I Believe on Christ for Salvation?

Rom. 10, 13-17

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

1 John 5, 9-13

If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God, which he hath testified of his Son.

He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself; he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

He that hath the Son, hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God, hath not life.

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye

may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. 1 John 1, 3-4

And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ: Eph. 3, 8-9

And to make all *men* see, what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ.

But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. Gal. 1, 11-12

For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; John 17-20

Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. John 5, 39

The Witness of the Spirit the Word of God.

Heb. 10, 14-18 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,

This *is* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

Now where remission of these *is, there is* no more offering for sin.

Eph. 1, 13 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.

John 16, 13-15 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.

All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew *it* unto you.

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. Rom. 8, 15-16, 26-27

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will* of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Gal. 5, 22-23

Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Gal. 4, 6

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. Rom. 15, 13

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 1 Cor. 2, 12-13

Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. James 1, 18

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. 1 Peter 1, 23, 25

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. John 5, 24

Assurance of Acceptance.

John 6, 37 — All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Rom. 10, 9 — That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

1 John 5, 13 — These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

John 4, 50 — The man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.

Luke 7, 50 — And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

Hindrances to Conversion—Clinging to Sin.

Luke 12, 2 For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed, neither hid, that shall not be known.

Matt. 16, 26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Gal. 6, 7-9 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

For he that soweth to his flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit, shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Rom. 6, 21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things *is* death.

Phil. 3, 19 Whose end *is* destruction, whose God *is their* belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame, who mind earthly things.

Heb. 12, 16-17 Lest there *be* any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

Confessing Christ.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Rom. 10, 10

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 10, 32 33

But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God. 2 Tim. 1, 8

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. 1 Tim. 6, 12

And who *is* he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? 1 Peter 3, 13-17

But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy *are ye:* and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear:

Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evil doers, they may be

ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

For *it is* better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

Luke 9, 26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and *in his* Father's, and of the holy angels.

John 12, 42-43 Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess *him*, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:

For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

The Sinner Made Righteous.

For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. Rom. 10, 4

But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Rom. 3, 21-26

Even the righteousness of God, *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ, unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God:

Being justified freely by his grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

To declare, *I say*, at this time, his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. Gal. 3, 24

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 1 Cor. 1, 30-31

That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Christian workers are reminded that it is the truth contained in the Scriptures presenting *Christ as the righteousness of God for the believer—Christ as our substitute under the law—Christ as our representative before the law—Christ as our redeemer from the law*, that the Spirit of God invariably uses to lead souls into light. *Make much* of *these passages.* Never tire of repeating them and proclaiming them; never speak in public without bringing them forward; never deal with a soul in private without traveling over the beaten path from Sinai to Calvary; *man a sinner ; Christ the Saviour ; believe and live.*

Make plain that the Christ in whom they are to believe is presented in the Scripture you place before them, and that belief in Him is believing His word.

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